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Gene Jeffries, 30 E, 10:04 AM 3/20/96 , Giesendanner Family/reply (fwd)

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Date: Wed, 20 Mar 1996 10:04:54 -0500 (EST)
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To: Orangeburgh German-Swiss Genealogical Society
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Date: Tue, 19 Mar 96 16:30:41 +0100 GMT
From: Joop Giesendanner <joopgies@gemini.iaf.nl>
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On (18 Mar 96) aal00176@dasher.csd.sc.edu wrote to Joop
Giesendanner...
a > From gemini.iaf.nl!dasher.csd.sc.edu!aal00176 Tue Mar 19 04:58:23
1996
Hi Gene,
a > If you are researching Rev. John Ulrick Giessendanner (or George)
from
a > Lichtensteig, Toggenburgh, St.Gall, Switzerland then I sure would
like
a > to exchange data. I have bundles on his Immigration from
Switzerland
a > to Orangeburgh, South Carolina in early 1700.
I am always interested in any Giesendanners. What a surprise to get
your
msg out of the blue. Where did you find me? Do you have an interest in
the
family yourself? Are you related?

The man you tell me about is known to me as:
Johann Ulrich Giezendanner, he was the nephew of Hans Ulrich
Giezendanner,
who was a goldsmith, but also an agitator for radical pietism, penance
prophet and inspired man. At last he and his nephew went to South
Carolina. Hans and Jorg evidently told the town council, who thought
they
were kind of weird anyway, that the two were going to emigrate to the
"sea-isle" of Carolina. The council counselled them that it sounded
like a
stupid idea because of the danger to their families. The town,
nevertheless, benevolently, gave them a substantial gift of money,
stipulating only that if they ever came back, the town expected to be
repaid. They did not return.

That's about it. It seems he is in another branch of the family.
There
are hundreds of Giezendanners and up till now I only heard of them
because

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of this particular story. But all Giesendanners are related and come originally from Toggenburg - Switzerland.
Hope to hear from you soon.
Gr Joop

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Subject: New User

Gr Joop,

I have added you to our Orangeburgh, South Carolina German-Swiss users group. We have about 50 serious minded researchers on The List with the common interest in genealogy and especially families that settled in Orangeburgh Township, South Carolina around 1735. Most were German-Swiss and Rev. Giessandanner from Toggenburgh, Switzerland played a very important role in their lives. His "Book of Record" of marriages, births, etc. remains in great condition at the University of South Carolina. While you may descend from another line, any family from Toggenburgh is of interest to our users. Your address indicates you are e-mailing from the Netherlands. Please give a little of your background and research efforts. Families researching, time frame, your snail-mail address, etc. Hundreds of the early Orangeburgh families originated in Switzerland and immediate area. Please address all messages and replies to:
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Gene Jeffries aal00176@midnet.csd.sc.carolina.edu Voice
803-732-1320
Researching: YAWN (Yon,Yohn) USA, KLECKLEY/LUCAS (SC), WILLIAMS/WELLS (GA)

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Joop Giesendanner, 02:40 PM 3/21/96 , introduction from Holland

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Hi All,

I'm Dutch , born 1948 in Amsterdam. Now living in Oostzaan,
just a few miles north of Amsterdam, with Carla van Tongeren and a
cat.

No children and deeply involved in family research to find our
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I'll send you a copy of the newspaper of St Gallen to introduce us
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ST. GALLER TAGBLATT

23/9/1995

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The Giezendanner name also found in America and Holland -
Emigrants visit their former Motherland

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Kappelerhof, Ebnat-Kappel. In this group are American
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their original motherland, called Toggenburg. Friday evening
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Emil Looser has arranged a family tree of the Giezendanners. On
Friday night, during dinner at Kappelerhof, he informed the
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in from Germanic soil. They have taken their family-name at a
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>From Santis to the Monastery archives

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Translation: Joop Giesendanner (Holland)
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Up till now we have gathered thousands of Giezendanners all over the world and more books are in preparation.
Up till now all of this was done by writing letters and making trips to secure information. This e-mail and computer work is a new development in the family history.
You are the first Swiss contact we have been able to trace on e-mail and as it appears very capable with computers too.
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